

**Message to the Congress
Transmitting the Report of the
National Endowment for Democracy**
March 23, 1998

To the Congress of the United States:

As required by the provisions of section 504(h) of Public Law 98-164, as amended (22 U.S.C. 4413(i)), I transmit herewith the 14th Annual Report of the National Endowment for Democracy, which covers fiscal year 1997.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
March 23, 1998.

**Exchange With Reporters Prior to
Discussions With President Yoweri
Kaguta Museveni of Uganda in
Kampala**

March 24, 1998

The President. Good morning.

Executive Privilege

Q. Mr. President, we haven't yet had the opportunity to ask you about your decision to invoke executive privilege, sir. Why shouldn't the American people see that as an effort to hide something from them?

The President. Look, that's a question that's being asked and answered back home by the people who are responsible to do that. I don't believe I should be discussing that here.

Q. Could you at least tell us why you think the First Lady might be covered by that privilege, why her conversation might fall under that?

The President. All I know is—I saw an article about it in the paper today. I haven't discussed it with the lawyers. I don't know. You should ask someone who does.

President's Visit to Africa

Q. There is speculation, sir, you're glad to be out of Washington for a couple weeks. Is that the case?

The President. Well, I'm glad to be doing the business of the United States and the people. I've looked forward to this for years.

And I think most Americans want me to do the job I was elected to do. And so I'm going to try to do what most people want me to do.

Q. What was your reaction to the crowd yesterday? We saw—the pictures were pretty dramatic.

The President. I thought it was wonderful. I've never seen so many people at an event. But what I was concerned about, there were two people there who were just wedged between the crowd and the barrier, and I was afraid they would be hurt or perhaps even killed if we didn't get room for them. And they got them out, and it was fine. It was a wonderful day. I loved it.

President Boris Yeltsin of Russia

Q. Have you talked to Boris Yeltsin, Mr. President?

The President. No.

NOTE: The exchange began at 11:12 a.m. at the State House Lodge. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

**Remarks at the Kisowera School in
Mukono, Uganda**

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Thank you very much. Thank you and good afternoon. President Museveni, Mrs. Museveni, Ms. Vice President, Mr. Prime Minister, Mr. Speaker; to Education Minister Mushega; to their Highnesses, the distinguished Kings here, the religious leaders, and other distinguished leaders of Uganda; Members of our United States Congress, my Cabinet, and other important citizens and public servants from the United States. And most of all, I want to thank the principals, the teachers, the students for showing me this wonderful school, the wonderful young people who walked down with us today, and the wonderful dancing exhibit we saw here today. Let's give them a big hand, I thought they were quite wonderful. *[Applause]*

As Hillary said, she and our daughter, Chelsea, came to Africa and to Uganda last year. I have heard a great deal about Uganda since then—over and over and over again. In selecting countries to visit, I almost felt I didn't need to come here because I knew